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2 Sep 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Water and energy minister, **Habtamu Eteffa**, clarifies that the **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam** was fully financed by Ethiopia's government and people, rejecting **United States (US)** President **Donald Trump**'s claims that the **US** funded the project;

2 Sep 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. Uganda reaffirms its agreement with the **United States (US)** to accept migrants, despite significant public opposition, amid broader regional tensions and migration control measures across **East Africa**;

2 Sep 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. At the **African Forum on Agriculture and Food** in **Dakar**, President **Paul Kagame** emphasises that Africa should stop relying on other parts of the world and take responsibility for its own development;

1 Sep 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Agriculture and Food Authority** data shows **Belgium** overtook the **United States (US)** as Kenya's largest export market for coffee in the 2023/2024 crop season;

1 Sep 2025 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Opposition party **Civic United Front** makes the push for a new constitution the focus of its campaign for the 2025 elections, as highlighted during the handover of presidential nomination forms to its candidate **Gombo Samandito Gombo** and running mate **Husna Mohamed Abdalla** by the **Independent National Electoral Commission**;

1 Sep 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. The political pressure group **Patriotic League of Uganda** claims to have won 60% of the ruling party **National Resistance Movement** internal elections;

1 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Regional and international stakeholders meet in Dar es Salaam today to discuss strategies to combat illegal fishing, which costs Tanzania an estimated \$142.8m annually;

31 Aug 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Garowe Online*. **Somalia** and Djibouti sign a new memorandum of understanding (MoU) to institutionalise regular political consultations and strengthen bilateral cooperation on regional security, economic development and shared diplomatic goals;

31 Aug 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Ireland-headquartered **Edge Network Services**, a unit of **United States**-headquartered **Meta**, acquires a stake in **Safaricom**'s **Daraja Fibre Optic Cable Project** that aims to enhance internet connectivity;

29 Aug 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africa News*. **United States (US)**-based mining startup **KoBold Metals**, backed by **Bill Gates** and **Jeff Bezos**, grants seven permits to explore lithium in the DRC's **Manono Region**;

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29 Aug 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. The **Kenya National Bureau of Statistics** announces that annual inflation rose to 4.5% in August from 4.1% in July, driven mainly by higher food and transport prices, while monthly inflation was 0.3%;

28 Aug 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *APA News*. **Mozambique** and Rwanda sign a status of forces agreement extending Rwanda's military mission in Mozambique's **Cabo Delgado Province**;

28 Aug 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The federal government makes administrative changes in the **Raya area (Tigray Region)**, heightening tensions between the **Tigray People's Liberation Front** and the federal government;

28 Aug 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Authorities exhume five more bodies in **Kwa Bi Nzaro (Kilifi County)** as part of an ongoing investigation into a suspected cult linked to the **Shakahola** tragedy, where over 400 bodies were previously found;

28 Aug 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Ruling **National Resistance Movement** unveils a largely new central executive committee, with President **Yoweri Museveni** and his deputy **Moses Kigongo** as the only returning members;

28 Aug 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. Rwanda receives its first group of migrants deported from the **United States** in mid-August under a new agreement allowing up to 250 people to be transferred;

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